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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
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Ichiro OKUMURA, et al.)	
	:	Group Art Unit: Unassigned
Application No.: Unassigned)	
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Commissioner for Patents
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed PTO-1449 form. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

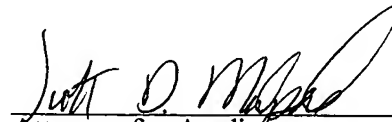
REMARKS

For the Examiner's information, JPA 7-256575 is discussed in the Background of the Invention section of the specification. JPA 11-220891 is discussed beginning on page 7, line 6, JPA 10-065882 is discussed beginning on page 7, line 15, and JPA 2002-272147 is discussed beginning on page 19, line 20 of the specification. In addition, USP 5,686,720 corresponds to JPA 10-065882, and USP 6,404,104 corresponds to JPA 11-220891.

Applicants request that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed PTO-1449 form be initialed and returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS							
*EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
		5,686,720	11/11/1997	Tullis	250	208.1	
		6,404,104 B1	6/11/2002	Maeno, et al.	310	323.02	
		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION YES/NO/ OR ABSTRACT
		7-256575	10/9/1995	Japan			Abst.
		11-220891	8/10/1999	Japan			Abst.
		2002-272147	9/20/2002	Japan			Abst.
		10-65882	3/6/1998	Japan			Abst.
OTHER DOCUMENT(S) (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)							
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